

NICHOLAS J. MELAS
PRESIDENT



ALLEN S. LAVIN
ATTORNEY

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



482134

THE
METROPOLITAN SANITARY DISTRICT
OF GREATER CHICAGO

100 EAST ERIE ST. CHICAGO ILLINOIS 60611 751-5600

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JOANNE H. ALTER
THOMAS S. FULLER
EDWARD W. GJERTSEN
WILLIAM A. JASKULA
NELLIE L. JONES
JAMES C. KIRIE
CHESTER P. MAJEWSKI
NICHOLAS J. MELAS
RICHARD J. TROY

July 9, 1980

RECEIVED

JUL 14 1980

E.P.A. — D.L.P.C.
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Delbert D. Haschemeyer
Deputy Director
Environmental Protection Agency
2200 Churchill Road
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Del:

As discussed in our recent telephone conversation, I am forwarding with this letter permit applications for District sludge processing and utilization sites in Cook County, Illinois. Certain of these properties had been subject to an I.E.P.A. notice of alleged violation. After these matters had been discussed at various meetings in your office, the District agreed to submit permit applications in an effort to resolve the present dispute and to prevent future difficulties for these activities under the District's solids program.

The Notices of Violation were broken down into three categories as identified in your letter of May 28, 1980:

1. Sites owned by the District receiving high sludge loading rates for reclamation and landscaping. The Palos Heights site was the subject of your notice of November 27, 1979. Attachment one to this letter is the District's permit application which includes our past activities on the Palos Heights site and our proposal to complete the project.
2. Sites owned by the District where sludge processing and distribution activities are taking place. Attachment two is the District's permit application for amendments to its NPDES permit to include such activities.
3. Sites owned by third parties receiving applications of District sludge at high loading rates.

- (a) The Ottawa Silica Company property was subject to an I.E.P.A. Notice of Violation dated February 14, 1980, which was resolved by the issuance of an I.E.P.A. permit.

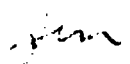
Mr. Delbert D. Haschemeyer
Page Two
July 9, 1980

- (b) The City of Chicago site at 103rd Street and Doty Avenue was the subject of a Notice of Violation dated January 11, 1980. After several meetings with I.E.P.A., and extended negotiations with the City of Chicago, a closure program has been proposed to resolve this long-standing problem. Attachment three is a letter dated July 3, 1980 from Commissioner John A. Donovan requesting your approval at the earliest possible date. The District had previously identified the closure plan in a letter from the General Superintendent dated June 18, 1980.

It is anticipated that these permit applications will suffice as the corrective action requested in the various Notices of Violation. The District is especially anxious that the Notice of Violation as to the City of Chicago property be withdrawn so that work can resume on the closure plan under District contracts awarded for this program. Due to time constraints imposed by these contracts and the seasonal nature of our program, I would appreciate if you could telephone me as to your determination on the City of Chicago closure plan.

I again wish to acknowledge your cooperation in these efforts to resolve these long-standing problems.

Very truly yours,


James B. Murray
Principal Assistant Attorney

JBM:jf
Attachment

cc: McMillan / Neil / Rimkus / Lavin

RECEIVED

JUL 14 1980

E.P.A. — D.L.P.C.
STATE OF ILLINOIS